

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 have been amended and claims 2, 10, 18 and 34 are cancelled. No new matter has been presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amended claims is respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 2, 10, 18 and 34 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-40 are rejected.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-33, and 35-40 are pending and under consideration.

ITEM 2: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-40 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY BEA, "PRODUCT FAMILY OVERVIEW", JULY 2, 2001, PAGES 1-24 AND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "BEA"

The rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to the pending claims, as amended, when a contribution is made, a contributor can determine a scope of the contributed contents which is allowed to be viewed by a viewer, and, the view allowing scope specifying information is stored.

As a result, the security of the contributed contents is appropriately ensured.

In contrast thereto, BEA merely discloses that contents customized according to a user profile and a rule are delivered. That is, according to this cited prior art, users are classified according to ages, sexuality and so forth, and contents personalized according to the thus-classified users are returned.

This cited prior art is silent as to "contribution" as now recited in each of the independent claims 1, 17 and 33, and thus, is irrelevant to the present invention, as defined in the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

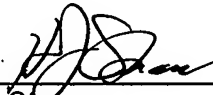
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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